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### **Tong Is 'New' Director of Cal Poly Dairy Products Technology Center**

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Cal Poly Dean of Agriculture Dave Wehner announced that Professor Phil Tong will once again serve as director of the Dairy Products Technology Center.

Tong helped create the DPTC in the 1980s and previously served as its director from 1989 to 1997.

"Dr. Tong was instrumental in establishing this center when he first joined the Dairy Science faculty in 1986, and I am happy that he has accepted the challenge to lead this center once again," said Wehner in making the appointment.

Interim Dairy Science Department Head and Professor Wally Mark applauded Tong's return as director of the DPTC. "Phil has the experience and commitment to advance DPTC programs to realize the center's full benefit for our students, the entire university and the dairy industry. I'm really looking forward to continuing to work together with him as the center grows."

Tong teaches both graduate and undergraduate courses in dairy science and organizes a full series of annual short courses and symposia for industry. He will continue those tasks along with taking charge of the center.

"I am excited and grateful to Dean Wehner and Professor Mark for the opportunity to once again lead the talented group of dedicated professionals at the DPTC," Tong said of his appointment. "I'm really looking forward to creating more new, mutually beneficial opportunities for students, staff and industry through our DPTC programs," he added.

Since arriving at Cal Poly 18 years ago, Tong has secured over \$7.5

million in private funding to support his staff, students and programs. In addition to maintaining an active program of research in dairy foods, he established one of only two "Dairy Ingredients Applications Programs" in the nation in 1998 to meet the growing need in the food industry for technical support in handling dairy ingredients.

Cal Poly and the University of Wisconsin remain the only universities in the nation offering dairy ingredient technical support for the dairy and food processing industries.

Tong was recently appointed to serve as the US representative on the Standing Committee on Dairy Science and Technology of the International Dairy Federation, which involves 50 countries.

### **About the Dairy Products Technology Center**

The Dairy Products Technology Center (DPTC), established in 1986, is a program within the College of Agriculture at Cal Poly. The DPTC conducts education, research, and outreach activities to provide solutions to help manage risk, facilitate innovation, and defend equity in the dairy foods industry and related business sectors. For further information visit the DPTC website at [www.calpoly.edu/~dptc](http://www.calpoly.edu/~dptc).

### **About The College of Agriculture**

The College of Agriculture at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, is the fourth-largest undergraduate agriculture program in the nation. For more details about Cal Poly College of Ag, visit its Web site at: [www.calpolyag.com](http://www.calpolyag.com).

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